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Dear 3~:

I am writing to you today as a member of the Keystone Task Force and on behalf of the citizens of Adams County.

At the Task Force meeting held on May 31, 1994, the Task Force members asked to participate in a conference call hosted by the Health Assessment Review Panel (HARP). Jack Kelly, a representative from Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) indicated that the members would be unable to participate due to ATSDR policy. Mr. Kelly suggested that we could make a formal request of participation but it was highly unlikely that request would be honored.

The enclosed fact sheet states the following: "Created by Superfund legislation in 1980, ATSDR's mission is to prevent or mitigate adverse human health effects and diminished quality of life resulting from exposure to hazardous substances in the environment. Through its program and by working with other federal, state and local government agencies, ATSDR acts to protect public health." This same fact sheet further defines the Public Health Assessment considerations. It states, "to make those determinations, ATSDR looks at three primary sources of information:

1. Environmental data, such as information available on contaminants and how people could come in contact with them;
2. Health data, including available information on community-wide rates of illness, disease, and death compared with national and state rates;
3. **Community concerns, such as reports from the public about how the site affects their health or quality of life."**

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How can the Public Health Assessment for the Keystone Superfund Site be accomplished without the community participating and sharing how the site affects their health or quality of life?

In order to answer that question, I am asking for your assistance. Please write to ATSDR and EPA requesting their consideration of the Task Force's request. The addresses are:

Mr. Christopher Corbett, RPM  
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841 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Barry L. Johnson, Ph.D.  
Assistant Administrator  
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Executive Park, Building 31  
1600 Clifton Road, E-32  
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I share with you the comments for Citizens Urge Rescue of the Environment (CURE) to assist you in doing so. These comments suggest that according to EPA records that there are "40 million people in the United States live within a four-mile radius of a Superfund site." Additionally, "Four million people live within one mile of the Technological Disaster sites." These figures assume that EPA has correct data. **"Forty-four million people can not be ignored."**

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



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